

BULGARS RENEWING ATTACKS

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Upon the Franco-British Forces
in Macedonia by Their
Enemies.

ENGLAND IS VERY ANXIOUS

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pel the Bulgars.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Bulgarians, heavily re-enforced and well supported by artillery, are renewing violently their attacks upon the British Franco forces in Macedonia. Their assaults have gone through all the preliminary stages, and are now approaching the climax of intensity.

Although pursuit of the Serbians still continues it is apparent from the proportion, which the Macedonian conflict is assuming, that the major part of the Bulgarian army has diverted its attention to the allies. The outcome of the battle now in progress, is awaited with great anxiety in England, as it will determine in a great measure the immediate future for the Entente powers in the Balkans.

The numerical superiority of the Bulgarian forces already has been demonstrated in the initial encounters with the British. Grave doubts are voiced here as to the ability of the British forces to repel the increasing momentum of the Bulgarian attack. There is no indication, however, that the British or French have found it necessary to withdraw further than the positions mentioned in recent official communications. With the Bulgarians in their positions at Demir-Kapu and advancing west of Vardar in the neighborhood of Petrovo, south of Strumitsa station, the French wedge in Macedonia is threatened from both sides. The allied retreat toward the Greek border thus far has been accomplished in good order without serious losses.

Resistance of the Montenegrins has lost nothing of its stubbornness and the plight of the Serbians fleeing into Albania is said to be growing less serious. But military affairs in these sections have become of comparatively small importance and have little bearing on the main situation, which since the Serbian retreat, has shifted westward.

Hard fighting continues on the western front where the Germans have been compelled to relinquish all but a small part of the advanced trench captured by them east of Butte-de-Souain. There have been no important developments on the other front.

ALLIED TROOPS SOON TO EVACUATE SERBIA

LONDON, Dec. 10.—What seems to be an intimation that the troops of the Entente Allies contemplate evacuating Serbian territory if they have not already done so is contained in a statement delivered in a Reuter despatch from Saloniki to have been issued by the French general staff on the Balkan front.

The statement is as follows: "We, the French and British, are retiring for reasons easy to understand. In view of the fact that the Serbian army for the moment is out of the reckoning our presence in Serbian territory is no longer necessary. Bulgarian successes amount to an occupation of territory no longer disputed by us. They have invariably suffered checks each time the Allied troops assumed the offensive notwithstanding their numerical superiority."

COLUMBUS GUARDS PRESIDENT WILSON

Upon His Arrival in That City
for Two Addresses before
Church Conference.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 10.—President Wilson arrived here at 8:45 a. m. to deliver two addresses and attend a public reception in the rotunda of the state capitol. He was greeted by an enthusiastic cheering crowd at the railroad station.

The route between the station and the hotel was lined with national guardsmen, who held back the crowd. A troop of cavalry rode beside the president's auto. At the hotel the door was opened by a gorgeously liveried negro footman with a bouquet of flowers in his hand. The president smiled when he saw his regalia. At the hotel the reception ceremonies were supposed to be over, but the president asked to meet all the members of the reception committee. The program for the day included a luncheon by the Columbus chamber of commerce at noon and a reception tonight at the state capitol.

Shortly after his arrival at the hotel cold weather enticed the president out and he walked through the business streets of the city accompanied

RATE FIGHT IS STILL ON WITH ROADS

New Status of the Same is Just
as Dangerous as Old to
the Coal Industry.

(By G. C. McIntosh.)

It is well enough understood by all concerned, that, with the proposed new rates in effect, West Virginia coal cannot compete in the markets affected by the increase. Is that fact of any concern to the railroads that are proposing the increased rates?

The report given out a month ago, to the effect that the coal rate contest had ended with the refusal of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway to join in the rate agreements, turns out to have been a false hope.

No sooner was this act of the executive committee of the Chesapeake and Ohio made known, than a meeting of the executive heads of the Pennsylvania lines, the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, the Norfolk and Western railroad, the Kanawha and Michigan, and the Louisville and Nashville railroad was called for New York City, where they were joined in conference by representatives of "strong financial interests."

The outcome of the conference was that the Chesapeake and Ohio was induced to withdraw from its announced attitude and agree to join the other railroads in filing new tariffs, with advanced rates, with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

As the dispatches published at the time reported, the Chesapeake and Ohio held out against the rate increase until the Pennsylvania lines agreed to file new tariffs increasing its rates to correspond with the increases formerly proposed for the West Virginia coal carrying roads.

The situation, so far as it affects West Virginia and its coal industry, has not been benefited by the new status in the slightest. It is not entirely certain that the new proposition has not made a bad prospect worse.

The Pennsylvania lines apparently do not go into the contest for advanced rates in good faith. They merely project themselves into the line for the purpose of inducing another important carrier to become a part of its own scheme. The Pennsylvania does not want its own rates increased. Had it so wished, it would have proposed increased rates at the earlier date when it induced the Norfolk and Western and other West Virginia roads to give notice to their shippers that they would increase their rates. They are in the rate increasing game temporarily only, to satisfy the demand of the Chesapeake and Ohio.

Not wanting its rates increased, it can not be imagined that the Pennsylvania lines will vigorously press before the Interstate Commerce Commission any such demand. And, even if it should honestly and vigorously contend for the increase, it is inconceivable that the Interstate Commerce Commission would find the demand justifiable. Or, even in the event that the commerce commission

by secret service men. He was quickly recognized and followed by a crowd. Several times he bowed and smiled to people who spoke to him.

After walking past the two halls where he is to speak today the president picked his own course and walked about a mile from the business section of the city. Before returning to the hotel he traversed about three miles.

A great many persons have the mistaken idea that the messenger boys who deliver Western Union telegrams are employed for that purpose only.

But, they are not. They are at the service of the general public and will do anything for a person that is possible for a messenger to do. If anyone wants an errand done, or something delivered, or anything of the kind, all one has to do is to telephone to the local Western Union telegraph for a messenger boy and in a jiffy a bright looking, blue-un-

TOWN OF HOPEWELL NOW AS BARE AS CORN FIELD

As Four Hundred Houses There
Are Licked Up by Flames
at Night.

EXPLOSIVE PLANT SPARED

Many Persons Are Injured but
So Far But One Death
is Reported.

HOPEWELL, Va., Dec. 10.—The town of Hopewell, swept by fire yesterday and last night, was almost as bare today as the corn fields in which its first buildings were put up a year ago.

Four hundred houses, most of them wood, constructed in feverish haste to care for the influx of people brought here by activities at the Du Pont explosives plant, were licked up by the flames. In the main part of the town of 25,000 persons hardly a building remained though the great explosives plant nearby and company villages at either end of the town escaped undamaged. The loss is put at \$1,000,000. Thousands of refugees, who throughout the afternoon had stood helpless as their homes and places of business burned, were housed during the night at Petersburg and Richmond. Many of those who saved their household goods, stood guard over their effects with repeating rifles all night. Militiamen from Richmond and special guards from inside the Du Pont plant helped the Hopewell police force to keep order.

Although many were injured only one death was reported. A negro caught looting is said to have been lynched near the edge of the town. The fire started in a restaurant when an oil stove toppled from a box in the kitchen.

An eleven-year-old boy was the hero of the fire. Twice he rushed into a building each time reappearing with a baby in his arms.

Governor Stuart is awaiting reports from agents he has sent to Hopewell to investigate the necessity for state relief measures. A joint session of the Richmond council will take up the subject today and the Richmond chamber of commerce will meet for the same purpose. Richmond expects to have organized aid in Hopewell before night. Petersburg and Norfolk are taking similar measures. The governor said today that the situation was so well in hand at Hopewell that half the troops would be withdrawn before night, the others gradually.

PRESIDENT TO PREACH.

The Rev. J. J. Phillips, president of the Methodist Protestant annual conference, will preach both morning and evening at the Shinnston Methodist Protestant church Sunday. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

MISS MERL WILLIAMS IS FIRST TO ENTER CONTEST FOR TELEGRAM'S PICTURE

Many Other Nominations Received at the Telegram Office First Day.

Miss Merl Williams, of Clay street, was the early bird of the "Who Will Be Ruth?" contest.

Her nomination was received at the Telegram office soon after the Telegram came out yesterday afternoon. Votes for other girls and women were soon flooding in and the race for "Ruth" is on.

Much Interest is Shown.

There is a vast interest in the dramatic motion picture, which will be produced in Clarksburg, with only Clarksburg girls in the cast. Everybody is asking "Who Will Be Ruth?" and the question will certainly not be answered until the night of Tuesday

Purchasing railroad and steamship tickets.
Securing rain coats, umbrellas and rubbers.
Escorting ladies to and from theaters, etc.
Securing keys that have been left at home.
Substituting during absence of regular office boy.
Delivering automobile parts to stranded automobilists.
Acting as door attendant at receptions, weddings, etc.
Calling for garments at dressmakers.

GOVERNOR HATFIELD MAKES FINE SPEECH

Industrial News Notes

Correspondent Records Interesting Events of Hustling Eastern Suburb.

INDUSTRIAL, Dec. 10.—Mrs. Ellen Parks left for New York Wednesday night. From there she will sail on the steamer Cameronia for Scotland, to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Blanton, who is dangerously ill.

Mrs. Edward Swick, of Walnut avenue, has been confined to her room with the grip the last few days, but is now improving.

Mrs. F. L. Blake, of Mt. Lick, was a guest of Mrs. U. G. Arnett this week.

PEACE

Manifestations Occur Not Only in Berlin but Also in Other German Cities.

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 10.—Peace manifestations have occurred not only in Berlin, but at Dresden and Leipzig, according to the German correspondent of the Tagwacht. The correspondent adds that the conviction prevails among the masses in Germany that only a revolutionary outbreak would force the government to make peace.

VIOLENT RIOTING IN FAVOR OF PEACE MADE

PARIS, Dec. 10.—A Rome despatch says: "A Zurich despatch states that violent demonstrations in favor of peace have taken place in Berlin. The police were obliged to charge the crowd. The windows of stores and cafes were smashed during the rioting. Soldiers in the crowd took an active part in the disturbances."

SURVEYS

Of Rural Churches All over the Country Are Planned by Conference.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 10.—Preliminary plans for conducting rural church surveys in nearly every state were discussed at the national conference of the Commission on Church and Country Life during its closing session here today. President Wilson will speak before the conference tonight. Ohio, it was explained, is the first state to have a thorough rural church survey. The work here is nearly completed.

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December 21, at 10 o'clock. Let no prospective "Ruth" lie quiet on her oars, for there is no telling when a vote from some unexpected admirer of a girl below her may be cast in fifty, or a hundred lot and push her down in her race.

Experts Will Come.

The Telegram has engaged the expert directors and camera men of the McHenry Film Company, of Akron and Cleveland, to come to Clarksburg and make the picture. Most of the scenes will be exterior ones, laid in and about Clarksburg. All of the girls in the picture from "Ruth" down to the eleventh one of the final standing will be a Clarksburg girl, so here is your chance to get busy and see yourself, your intimate friends or your relatives, as a real photo-play actress.

Delivering hand baggage at railroad and steamship terminals and checking same.

"That is only a partial list," said Manager Bogges. "For the last year our messenger service has been developed into a hundred different angles. The boys are called upon to perform a multitude of unique services and they are doing it well. Our special service department is a regular branch of our business now."

This special service often gives

Chief Executive of the State
Talks to the Coal
Operators.

PLEA FOR CO-OPERATION

State is Asked to Work with
Those Who Are Developing
the Chief Resources.

Governor Henry D. Hatfield delivered a strong address Thursday night before the West Virginia Coal Mining Institute at Fairmont, in which he urged co-operation of the state and the operators so that the development of the industry might go forward in building up the welfare of the commonwealth and the opulence of her citizens.

Governor Hatfield's address follows:

I am glad of the opportunity to add a word of encouragement to the work your organization has undertaken, representing as you do the greatest and most important industry our state possesses. It is to be hoped that your efforts will result in bringing about a more friendly relation and feeling of co-operation among the varied industries of the state, including the coal industry and other industrial activities, with those who are placed in the responsible positions of trust in the administration of the state's affairs.

Crises Close Relation.

There should exist a close relation between all industries of our state, as well as a friendly co-operation by the masses, and there is only one way, gentlemen, to accomplish this. That is for each and every one to put his shoulder to the wheel and by his action demonstrate that we have a common interest in the welfare of our state and that all are willing to assume their just and equitable responsibility in all things of civic nature that will insure a continuation of our commercial prosperity, the development of our institutions and the solution of all problems dealing with our civic and social welfare that will keep us in line with the progress of other states.

Right Necessary.

Some of us have had to fight for this principle, and while I feel that there had not been an unfortunate misunderstanding of the position taken our opposition would not have been so arduous, for the reason that I refuse to believe that there are many within our state borders who are so dilatory to our state that they are not willing to give it whatever support is necessary to assure a continuation of the development such as has been accomplished in our agricultural extension work, engineering extension work, geological extension work, public service work, compensation work, and many other achievements too numerous to mention, at least the support that they in justice to themselves can afford. Now could we who have accumulated wealth, come to our state as a chain-bearer to an engineering corps on a salary of possibly \$100 or \$125 a month and in a few short years finding himself in possession of the net sum of from one-half to several millions of dollars of valuable properties, take the position that he is not willing to stand for principles that would keep our grand commonwealth in the procession of progress with other states? I cannot believe that there are any so inclined, either acquired or native, among those who make up our great army of citizenship, that would take a position when they pause to reflect and fully realize what the state has done and is doing for them.

Lack of Co-operation.

I feel I have not had that co-operation which, I should have been told, would have been to the best interest of all concerned; notwithstanding I tried to keep every one informed as to the real situation in the different departments of state, from a financial as well as an operative point of view, in which the industrial and laboring people were interested. This was mainly without success, due, I believe to the fact that the industry owners were content to repose their interests in the hands of that class usually found around legislative halls, whose representatives, on account of their methods, are without standing, together with a few who are directly connected with the industry whose understanding of the practical sides which this third house plays

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ELEVATOR FIRE

Results in the Destruction of
500,000 Bushels of Wheat
at Erie, Pa.

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 10.—Two elevator line grain elevators owned by the Pennsylvania railroad here were destroyed by fire early today with their contents, about 500,000 bushels of wheat. The loss was estimated at \$750,000. A third elevator, holding 325,000 bushels of wheat, was saved. The wheat was being held here pending shipment to the allies. An investigation of the cause of the fire will be requested.